



## **Regional Service Council Minutes**

### **Region # 13**

**Meeting Date:** August 18, 2006

**Meeting Location:** Greene County DCS/DFR

#### **Council Members Present:**

Stephanie Raventos, Owen County Acting Director; Cheri Slover, Greene County Acting Director; Cami Terry, Lawrence County FCM; Beverly Haynes, Greene County CASA Director; William Walker, Regional Manager for Region 13; Debbie Dailey, Brown County Director; Lindsey Smith, Monroe County Director

#### **Council Members Absent:**

Judge David Welch, Monroe County Court; Judge Andrea McCord, Lawrence County Court; Angie Baugh, Owen County Foster Parent; Judge David Johnson

#### **Others In Attendance:**

Kent Houchins, Hamilton Center; Deborah Wessel, Lawrence County Supervisor; Steve Adams, Lawrence County Director; Heather Perkins, Greene County FCM II; Julie Miller, Ireland & Luzio; John Ireland, Ireland & Luzio; Mike Singleton, Ireland & Luzio; Brenda Chapin, Monroe County Supervisor; Nancy Edgerton

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**Meeting Called to Order at:** 10:00 a.m.

#### **1. First Order of Business: Community Partnership for Child Safety**

Dr. Ireland, Mike Singleton and Julie Miller attended on behalf of their agency, Ireland & Luzio, which was chosen for the Community Partnership for Child Safety. A discussion was held regarding the expectations of their agency.

Ireland & Luzio will report to the RSC on a monthly basis. Homebuilders is intensive training that will force therapists to perform each role i.e. parent aide, caseworker, visit facilitation. Juvenile mentoring has assisted in lowering suspension/expulsion from school.

They are currently working 30 referrals in Region 16 and services began 7/1/06. The database for data collection will not be implemented until spring 2007. Visit facilitation will not be conducted thru Community Partners. No CHINS or IA cases will be working thru Community Partners. Families can self-refer to Community Partners.

Provider fair occurred in Region 16 inviting providers to give information to FCMs about services in Region 16. Ireland & Luzio want to put posters and flyers in Laundromats, grocery stores, convenient stores, ect. The hope is the word will spread throughout the community.

Eligibility continues to be an issue. Need further guidelines regarding income of families. Substantiated cases or investigations cannot be done. Healthy Families enrollees cannot currently be serviced through Community Partners. Services not designed to last more than 3 months. Most referrals coming from DCS handing out paper referrals via clerical. Can advise report source on screen out reports of Community Partners as we do not have permission to call families about Community Partners.

The start date in Region 13 has not been decided yet. They have not yet developed an advisory board in Region 16. Boards need to consist of community members as well as advisors. Boards should consist of representatives from every county so that there is equal representation. Council should be interacting with Community Partners and reviewing the expenditure.

Funding needs to be managed so that Greene, Monroe, Owen, Brown and Lawrence will receive appropriate amounts based on population. Bill stated he wanted the money distributed according to population in the different counties. Subcontracting with other providers requires that those providers are set at the same standards of Ireland & Luzio.

Debbie Dailey is the secretary for Operation Bigheart in Brown County and had requested Community Partners to oversee this project. The decision was tabled at this meeting. Mr. Walker felt that they could send the billing to Debbie Dailey but she would have to be responsible for funding allocations.

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:**

September 15, 2006

Greene County DFR/DCS Office

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 12:00 p.m.